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South Shore Yacht Club commodore Peter Engel stands at the foot of a damaged Milwaukee County-owned fishing pier at the yacht club.

CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB

Dock damage, high water among concerns

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South Shore Yacht Club is in the middle of a tough waiting game. ▮ High waves from a massive winter storm in January caused severe damage to the club's docks. With warm weather and spring boating season looming, the club is waiting to hear from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Milwaukee County on evaluations of the damage. ▮ Financial help from those government entities is essential for repairing the docks, said Peter Engel, the commodore of South Shore Yacht Club.

On Wednesday night, the Trump administration approved federal disaster funding for Wisconsin communities affected by January storms and flooding.

"We really haven't been able to go out on the docks and make repairs to it so far," Engel said. "The situation is going to get worse and worse if there are no repairs."

The damage is extensive. Engel is hesitant to assign a dollar amount. When the club had ice damage to a couple slips last year, it cost $125,000 to repair.

A glance around the club's 230 slips shows just how much worse it is this time.

Parts of the docks are submerged in a couple feet of water. None are safe to walk on.

A large pile of wood from the dock washed ashore and still sits outside the yacht club. A sidewalk outside the club is covered by debris.

Portions of the sidewalk to the nearby county-owned fishing pier have been displaced and are uneven. The pier is stripped to its support beams at several points.

Lumber from various piers and boat slips is piled near boats at the South Shore Yacht Club. MIKE DE SISTI/ MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Engel said he is hopeful for repairs to start as soon as possible, but even after repairs are done, the club is still vulnerable to future storms.

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NCAA says tournament to be played without fans

Decision made to reduce risk of spreading coronavirus in crowds

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The buzzer-beaters, upsets and all the other shining moments of this year's NCAA tournaments will be played in mostly empty arenas.

Trying to avoid spreading the deadly coronavirus that has become a global pandemic, the NCAA has decided that the men's and women's tournament games will be off-limits to the general public.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said Wednesday that he made the decision to conduct both tournaments, which begin next week, with only essential staff and limited family in attendance. The decision comes after the NCAA's COVID-19 advisory panel of medical experts recommended against playing sporting events open to the general public.

Emmert told The Associated Press that canceling the tournament was considered.

"The decision was based on a combination of the information provided by national and state officials, by the advisory team that we put together of medical experts from across the country, and looking at what was going to be in the best interest of our student-athletes, of course," Emmert told the AP in a phone interview. "But also the public health implications of all of this. We recognize our tournaments bring peo-

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Trump suspends European travel

President Donald Trump is suspending all travel between the U.S. and Europe for 30 days beginning Friday as he seeks to combat a viral pandemic. **8A**

State has 3 more confirmed cases as colleges move classes online

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MADISON - Three new cases of the new coronavirus have been confirmed in Wisconsin, state public health officials announced Wednesday.

Two patients from Fond du Lac County and one patient from Waukesha County have become the fourth, fifth and sixth cases of the virus in the Badger State. The first patient, a Dane County resident, has recovered.

The Waukesha County patient was exposed while traveling in the U.S. and internationally, and is currently isolated at home, according to a news release.

Both Fond du Lac County patients were exposed

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Dow officially a bear

The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 20% below last month's record high.
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